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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES AGREEMENT - FERROUS METALLURGY

FOR SCI COUNSELOR

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- 1. US FERROUS METALLURGY DELEGATION MEMBERS MET APRIL 26 TO COMPLETE PLANNING FOR SCHEDULED MAY 5-19 VISIT TO USSR. THEY CAREFULLY EXAMINED PROPOSED PROGRAM (REFTEL) AND DEVELOPED SUGGESTED REVISIONS WHICH THEY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH SOVIETS IN FIRST MEETING ON MAY 6. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONVEY THESE TO SOVIETS AND EXPRESS DELEGATION'S APPRECIATION TO MIN FERROUS METALLURGY FOR MINISTRY'S EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY RE ITS PROPOSED ITINERARY.
- 2. IN TRANSMITTING PROPOSALS, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THAT US SUGGESTIONS ARE MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO MAXIMIZE TIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AVAILABLE FOR PROFESSIONAL DISCUSSIONS AND PLANT VISITS

AND MINIMIZE TIME LOST IN TRAVEL. US SPECIALISTS, IN EXAMINING SOVIET PROPOSAL WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT VISIT TO RUSTAVSKIY METALLURGICAL PLANT WAS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9 HOLIDAY, WHICH COULD LIMIT VISIT'S PRODUCTIVITY. IN COUNTERPROPOSAL DELEGATION SUGGESTS THAT MAY 9 BE USED FOR TRAVEL DAY IF POSSIBLE AND THAT RUSTAVSKIY VISIT BE DEFERRED UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 13. IF THIS CHANGE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED DELEGATION'S STRONG DESIRE WOULD BE TO ARRIVE TBILISI MAY 11 (SATURDAY) WITH MAY 12 (SUNDAY) AS FREE DAY IN GEORGIAN CAPITAL.

3. TO INCREASE TIME AVAILABLE FOR PLANT VISITS WE ALSO PROPOSE DELEGATION BE SPLIT ON MAY 7, WITH ONE GROUP GOING TO TULA AS NOW SCHEDULED, AND OTHER TO CHEREPOVETS. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SPLIT DELEGATION, EITHER TULA OR CHEREPOVETS COULD BE ELIMINATED FROM PROGRAM TO SAVE TIME, ALTHOUGH US SPECIALISTS ARE INTERESTED IN BOTH SITES. INTEREST IN TULA IS BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PILOT PLANT THERE IS PIONEERING NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN FERROUS METALLURGY. IF THIS IS CORRECT, TULA, RATHER THAN CHEREPOVETS, WOULD BE PREFERRED CHOICE FOR RETENTION IN PROGRAM. IF OUR UNDERSTANDING ON TULA IS INCORRECT, IT SHOULD BE DROPPED IN FAVOR OF TRIP TO CHEREPOVETS.

## 4. SUGGESTED US PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

MAY 5 - ARRIVE MOSCOW

MAY 6 - ALL DAY MOSCOW-MINISTRY OF FERROUS METALLURGY

MAY 7 - SPLIT DELEGATION. GROUP A VISIT PILOT PLANT AT

TULA. GROUP B VISIT PLANT IN CHEREPOVES (OR OMIT ONE

VISIT)

MAY 8 - CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE-MOSCOW

MAY 9 - (HOLIDAY) TRAVEL TO LIPETSK

MAY 10 - VISIT NOVO-LIPETSK METALLURGICAL PLANT, RETURN TO MOSCOW

MAY 11 (SATURDAY) FLY TO TBILISI

MAY 12 (SUNDAY) FREE DAY TBILISI

MAY 13 VISIT RUSTAVSKIY METALLURGICAL PLANT

GROUP A

MAY 14 - TRAVEL TO DONETS-DNIEPER REGION

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MAY 15-16 - VISITS TO ZAPOROZHYE KRIVOY ROG

MAY 17 - RETURN TO MOSCOW

GROUP B

MAY 14 - RETURN TO MOSCOW

MAY 15-16 VISIT MAGNITOGORSK

MAY 18 (SATURDAY) ENTIRE DELEGATION-FINAL MEETING MIN

FERROUS METALLURGY AND MINISTER KAZANETS.

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 14-18 IS ESSENTIALLY AS PROPOSED BY

SOVIETS WITH EXCEPTION OF CHEREPOVETS VISIT.

5. OTHER MATTERS.

DEPART OFFICER BRIEFED DELEGATION, BUT ITS LEADER ROBERT P. HINDMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF ARMCO STEEL CORPORATION WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH

SCI COUNSELOR. MAIN PURPOSE WOULD BE TO GET FURTHER GUIDANCE ON ITINERARY WHICH WOULD BE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WITH SOVIETS ON MAY 6.

- 6. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM SOVIETS THAT JRLOWEY OF REPUBLIC STEEL WITHDREW FROM DELEGATION BECAUSE OF PRESS OF COMPANY BUSINESS. HE WILL NOT BE REPLACED.
- 7. FYI. DELEGATION MEMBER MICHAEL KORCHYNSKY OF UNION CARBIDE, IS NATURALIZED (1955) US CITIZEN, BORN IN 1918 IN KIEV. HE LEFT AS A BABY AND LIVED IN L'VOV IN WHAT WAS THEN EASTERN POLAND. IN 1939 AREA WAS OCCUPIED BY RED ARMY AND FROM NOVEMBER 1939 TO UNTIL JUNE 1941 WHEN GERMANS OVERRAN CITY, KORCHYNSKY WAS SOVIET CITIZEN. IN 1944 THE GERMANS DEPORTED KORCHYNSKY AND HE HAS NOT RETURNED TO SOVIET SOIL SINCE. HE HAS NO RELATIVES IN USSR. DEPT OFFICIAL ADVISED KORCHYNSKY IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO RENOUNCE ANY POSSIBLE CLAIMS TO SOVIET CITIZENSHIP PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. KORCHYNSKY HAS INFORMED SOVIET EMBASSY OF HIS DESIRE TO DO THIS BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE NECESSARY FORMS TO ACTUALLY RENOUNCE. END FYI.

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